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- In 1930, Yugoslav military authorities insisted on a shorter route from Bihac to the Adriatic than the already existing Karlovac-Gospic-Knin-Sibenik line to which it was already connected through Karlovac. In 1936, therefore, work was begun on the railroad line Bihac-Knin through the valley of the Una river. Up to the spring of 1941, ninety percent of the work had been completed. During the war approximately forty percent of this work was destroyed.
- Up to May of this year the progress of work on the repair of the line was as follows:
 - One iron bridge over the Butusnica river was being completed.
 - Three viaducts were being built, one 40 meters high above the Krka river, one 36 meters high at Japolje, and one 22 meters high at Ostrvica. The viaduct at Knin is 26 meters high with eight arches, each 15 meters high.
 - Thirty-six tunnels and twelve crossings of concrete are being constructed.
 - Rails are being laid on the sector Bihac-Kulen Vakuf and in the sector Knin-Drenovac (14 kilometers).
 - Ties are being laid on the sector Kulen Vakuf-Martin Brod (15 kilometers).
- Approximately 2,000 workers are employed on the work but there is a shortage of specialists.

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